

Ukraine to give up nuclear material

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Russian national flag, right, and President's Colour, background, fly at half staff over the Moscow Kremlin on Monday, April 12, 2010, in respect for Polish President Kaczynski and others who died Saturday in a devastating plane crash near the western Russian city of Smolensk.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama optimistically opened a 47-nation nuclear summit Monday, boosted by Ukraine's announcement that it will give up its weapons-grade uranium. More sobering: Obama's counterterrorism chief pointedly warned that al-Qaida is vigorously pursuing material and expertise for a bomb.

Ukraine's decision dovetailed with Obama's goal of securing all vulnerable nuclear materials worldwide within four years — an objective that the White House hopes will be endorsed by all summit countries at a closing session Tuesday, even if the means to accomplish it are unclear.

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President Barack Obama walks with Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich during the official arrivals for the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, Monday April 12, 2010.

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Vatican to bishops: follow law, report abuse

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican on Monday responded to allegations it long concealed clerical sex abuse by making it clear for the first time that bishops and clerics worldwide should report such crimes to police if they are required to by law.

The policy, spelled out in a guide for laymen and posted on the Vatican's Web site, matches the policy worked out by U.S. bishops after an explosion of sex abuse cases in 2002.

Unlike the American norms, however, the Vatican guide contains no call for "zero tolerance" for priests who rape and molest children, and victims immediately criticized it as insufficient.

The Vatican insists it has long been the Catholic Church's policy for bishops, like all Christians, to obey civil reporting laws. But such an explicit policy had never been spelled out — until Monday.

"Civil law concerning reporting of crimes to the appropriate authorities should always be followed," said the newly posted guideline.

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In this March 31, 2010 photo, Pope Benedict XVI waves as he is driven through the crowd during his weekly general audience, in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican. The uproar caused by reports that, as an archbishop years ago in Germany and later as a Vatican cardinal, Benedict and his aides were slow to defrock abusive priests, cannot be explained as the church equivalent of Watergate with the pope in the role of U.S. president.

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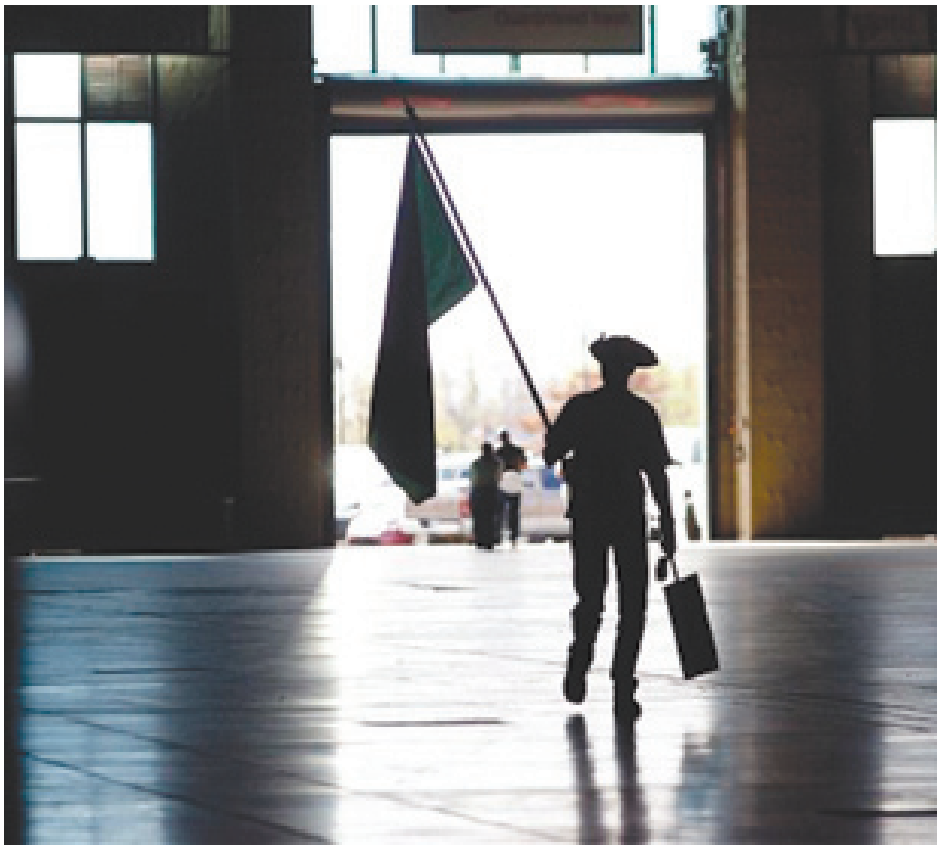
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Foes of tea party movement to infiltrate rallies



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ALBANY, New York (AP) — Opponents of the fiscally conservative

tea party movement say they plan to infiltrate and dismantle the political group by trying to make its members appear to be racist, homophobic and moronic.

Jason Levin, creator of www.crashtheteparty.org, said Monday the group has 65 leaders in major cities across the country who are trying to recruit members to infiltrate tea party events for April 15 — federal tax filing day, when tea party groups across America are planning to gather and protest high taxes.

“Every time we have someone on camera saying that Barack Obama isn’t an American citizen, we want someone sitting next to him saying, ‘That’s right, he’s an alien from outer space!’” Levin said.

Tea party members said the backlash comes from ignorance.

“They can’t actually debate our message and that’s their problem,” said Bob MacGuffie, a Connecticut organizer for Right Principles, a tea party group that also has members in New York and New Jersey.

The tea party movement generally unites on the fiscally conservative

principles of small government, lower taxes and less spending. Beyond that the ideology of the people involved tends to vary dramatically.

Levin says they want to exaggerate the group’s least appealing qualities, further distance the tea party from mainstream America and damage the public’s opinion of them.

“Do I think every member of the tea party is a homophobe, racist or a moron? No, absolutely not,” Levin said. “Do I think most of them are homophobes, racists or morons? Absolutely.”

The site manifesto says they want to dismantle the Tea Party by nonviolent means. “We have already sat quietly in their meetings, and observed their rallies,” the site said.

Another tea party organizer said the attempt to destroy the movement was evidence its message is resonating.

“We’ve been ignored, we’ve been ridiculed. Well, now they’re coming after us,” said Judy Pepenella, a co-coordinator for the New York State Tea Party. “Gandhi’s quote is one we understand: ‘First they ignore you, then they ridicule you, then they fight you, then you win.’” □



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Hitler book, weapons, ammo found in militia raids

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DETROIT (AP) — Federal agents investigating what they describe as a Christian militia bent on violence against police seized suspected crack cocaine and steroids, weapons, gas masks and a book of Adolf Hitler's speeches during raids of members' homes last month, according to search warrant records.

The raids were conducted over a 4 1/2-hour span in the Midwestern states of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana on the night of March 27. Authorities recovered hand grenade instructions and schematics, a container of potassium chlorate and other items during a raid that night at the southern Michigan home of David Stone, the suspected leader of the Hutaree militia.

Federal prosecutors say Stone and eight other members of the militia plotted the mass killings of police officers in the hope of sparking an anti-

government revolution. They are charged with seditious conspiracy, or plotting to levy war against the U.S., and attempting to use weapons of mass destruction.

Authorities found substances believed to be crack cocaine and steroids and a lock pick set at the mobile home of suspected Hutaree member Kristopher Sickles in Ohio.

At the Indiana home of suspected Hutaree member Thomas Piatek, authorities say they found a copy of "My New Order" by Hitler; audio of "The Turner Diaries," a novel that is popular with white supremacists, and a samurai sword, among other items.

The Associated Press on Monday reviewed dozens of pages of search warrant records that were filed last week in federal court.

The search warrant records did not explain why some of the items had been seized. At a March 31 detention hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ronald Waterstreet

said Stone had 20 cardboard tubes that could be used to make improvised explosive devices.

Defense lawyer William Swor, who represents Stone, called that assertion "nonsense."

Swor said he hadn't seen the list of items taken from his client's home but "without even looking at it, I'm certain that the government's going to say that this proves their case."

"It's the government's burden to prove what they think this stuff is," Swor said Monday. "Let them prove it."

Messages seeking comment were left Monday with lawyers for Sickles and Piatek.

The Hutaree, self-proclaimed "Christian warriors," were training themselves in paramilitary techniques in preparation for a battle against the Antichrist, according to information posted on their Web site.

Prosecutors say the group planned to make a phony



This combo of eight photos provided by the U.S. Marshals Service on Monday March 29, 2010 shows from top left, David Brian Stone Sr., 44, of Clayton, Mich.; David Brian Stone Jr. of Adrian, Mich.; Jacob Ward, 33, of Huron, Ohio; Tina Mae Stone and bottom row from left, Michael David Meeks, 40, of Manchester, Mich.; Kristopher T. Sickles, 27, of Sandusky, Ohio; Joshua John Clough, 28, of Blissfield, Mich.; and Thomas William Piatek, 46, of Whiting, Ind. Search warrant records show federal agents seized gas masks, hand grenade instructions, guns, knives, a container of potassium chlorate and dozens of other items during a raid at the home of David Brian Stone Sr., the suspected leader of a Christian militia based in southern Michigan. The raid at David Stone's trailer home in Lenawee County was one of residences searched during a 4½-hour span in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana on the night of March 27.

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emergency call, kill responding bomb at the ensuing funeral to police officers, then set off a kill many more. □

Mine blast probe awaits recovery of final 9 bodies

By LAWRENCE MESSINA and TIM HUBER
Associated Press Writers

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Federal investigators arrived Monday at the West Virginia mine where 29 men died in an explosion last week to begin piecing together what caused the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1970. Thirty miles to the north, hundreds of mourners including the governor observed a moment of silence at the state Capitol, during a wreath-laying ceremony at the foot of a statue honoring the state's miners. Karen Barker was among scores of state workers who attended. "My dad was a miner and my grandfather was a miner. I have no idea how these people feel about losing their family member, but I can imagine," said Barker, 46, of Charleston. The team of inspectors at

the Upper Big Branch mine weren't heading underground until searchers removed all the bodies from the mine. The team from the Mine Safety and Health Administration briefed Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and MSHA director Joe Main at the mine.

The last bodies were expected to be taken out Monday, state mine office spokeswoman Jama Jarrett said. Recovery efforts had been stalled in previous days by volatile gases, but teams entered after the tunnels were ventilated. She said the crews late Monday were near where the bodies are located.

The state panel that writes mining safety rules and typically reviews inspectors' reports after the investigations are complete said it would like to join the investigators underground this time. □



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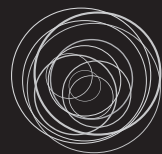
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White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, right, listens as Counterterrorism adviser John Brennan briefs the media during the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, Monday, April 12, 2010.

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NUCLEAR MATERIALS

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Before formally opening the summit with a reception and working dinner, Obama held a series of one-on-one meetings with leaders from China, Jordan, Ukraine, Armenia and Malaysia. Presidential

aides billed the summit as the largest gathering of world leaders hosted by an American president since the 1945 conference in San Francisco that founded the United Nations.

In a brief exchange with reporters, Obama said of the

summit: "It's impressive. I think it's an indication of how deeply concerned everybody should be with the possibilities of nuclear traffic, and I think at the end of this we're going to see some very specific, concrete actions that each nation is taking that will make the world a little bit safer."

The talks are a centerpiece of Obama's broader agenda for ridding the world of nuclear weapons, a long-term process that he says should include gradual disarmament by the nuclear powers, stronger steps to head off a nuclear arms race and more urgent action to lock down tons of plutonium and highly enriched uranium that are the key building blocks of atomic weapons.

Not all countries share Obama's view that the nuclear-materials problem is a priority. Some think the bigger emphasis should be on disarmament, particularly by the United States and Russia, which despite recent reductions still possess 90 percent of the world's nuclear arms.

At a parallel unofficial conference of more than 200

international nuclear experts, participants said too many leaders don't share Obama's urgency about nuclear ingredients.

"There is a great complacency among policymakers around the world that terrorist groups couldn't make a nuclear bomb," said Matthew Bunn of Harvard University.

Pakistani physicist Pervez Hoodbhoy focused on his home region, where both Pakistan and India are building up their nuclear arsenals.

"Unfortunately, I do not see this concern either in Pakistan or India about nuclear terrorism," he said. "Both countries do not see the seriousness of this situation."

Ahead of the conference, German Chancellor Angela Merkel made it clear that she, too, sees dirty bombs in terrorist hands as an even larger threat than regular nuclear weapons.

Merkel said Monday that such weapons "must not under any circumstances" fall into the hands of terror groups such as al-Qaida.

"We believe that the IAEA must be strengthened, we are ready

to pledge additional finances to make this happen," Merkel said of the nuclear watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency.

Merkel praised Obama's decision to hold the conference as "extremely important," and said it fits well with Obama's global disarmament efforts.

Meanwhile, Russian President Dmitri Medvedev said in an interview on ABC television's "Good Morning America" on Monday that Iran's nuclear program must be watched closely, but he said sanctions on the regime would have to be smart and effective because sanctions often do not work.

"They should not lead to humanitarian catastrophe, where the whole Iranian community would start to hate the whole world," the Russian president said.

He added that there was no global consensus for sanctions on Iran's petroleum industry. Seeking to highlight the urgency of the threat posed by terrorists in pursuit of a nuclear bomb, John Brennan, the White House's counterterrorism chief, told reporters that al-Qaida is actively in search of the key ingredients for a bomb and the expertise to assemble it.

He said such an improvised device could be obtained through criminal gangs or by infiltrating nuclear labs in Pakistan or other nuclear nations.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Obama's conference offers a way to reinforce existing global controls on nuclear materials. "It's an area that people talk about a lot, but frankly there hasn't been the concerted international attention in these two areas that there might have been," Gates said at the Pentagon. "I think that it creates some real opportunities." □



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AP Sources: NYC terror probe nabs fourth in Pakistan

By **DEVLIN BARRETT** and **TOM HAYS**

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WASHINGTON — A fourth suspect in a disrupted plot to bomb New York City subways has been arrested in Pakistan, law enforcement officials said Monday.

The principal suspect in the case, Najibullah Zazi, has pleaded guilty and is cooperating with investigators, key developments that prosecutors hope will help them trace the plot back to its roots in Pakistan, where Zazi and former friends from high school allegedly traveled in 2008 to seek terror training.

After returning to the United States, the plotters allegedly hoped to detonate bombs on trains at two of the city's biggest subway stations: Times Square and Grand Central Terminal, according to the two officials.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details

of the investigation. The new details in the case were first reported in Monday's editions of the New York Daily News.

Federal prosecutors have already said publicly they were seeking other suspects overseas. Three suspected members of the plot have been charged in the U.S. The two officials say a fourth person was arrested in Pakistan weeks ago in connection with the case.

Officials would say little else about the fourth person, other than the suspect is a citizen of Pakistan.

Both officials cautioned the person may not ultimately be charged with playing a role in the bomb plot.

Zazi, a Colorado airport van driver, admitted that he tested bomb-making materials in a Denver suburb before traveling by car to New York intending to attack the subway system to avenge U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan.

The two other men suspected of direct roles in the plot, Adis Medunjanin and Zarein Ahmedzay, have pleaded not guilty to charges they sought to join Zazi in what prosecutors described as "three coordinated suicide bombing attacks" on Manhattan subway lines. The alleged attacks were timed for days after the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Prosecutors say the attacks were modeled after the July 2005 bombings on the London transit system.

Four suicide bombers killed 52 people and themselves in an attack on three subway trains and a bus in London.

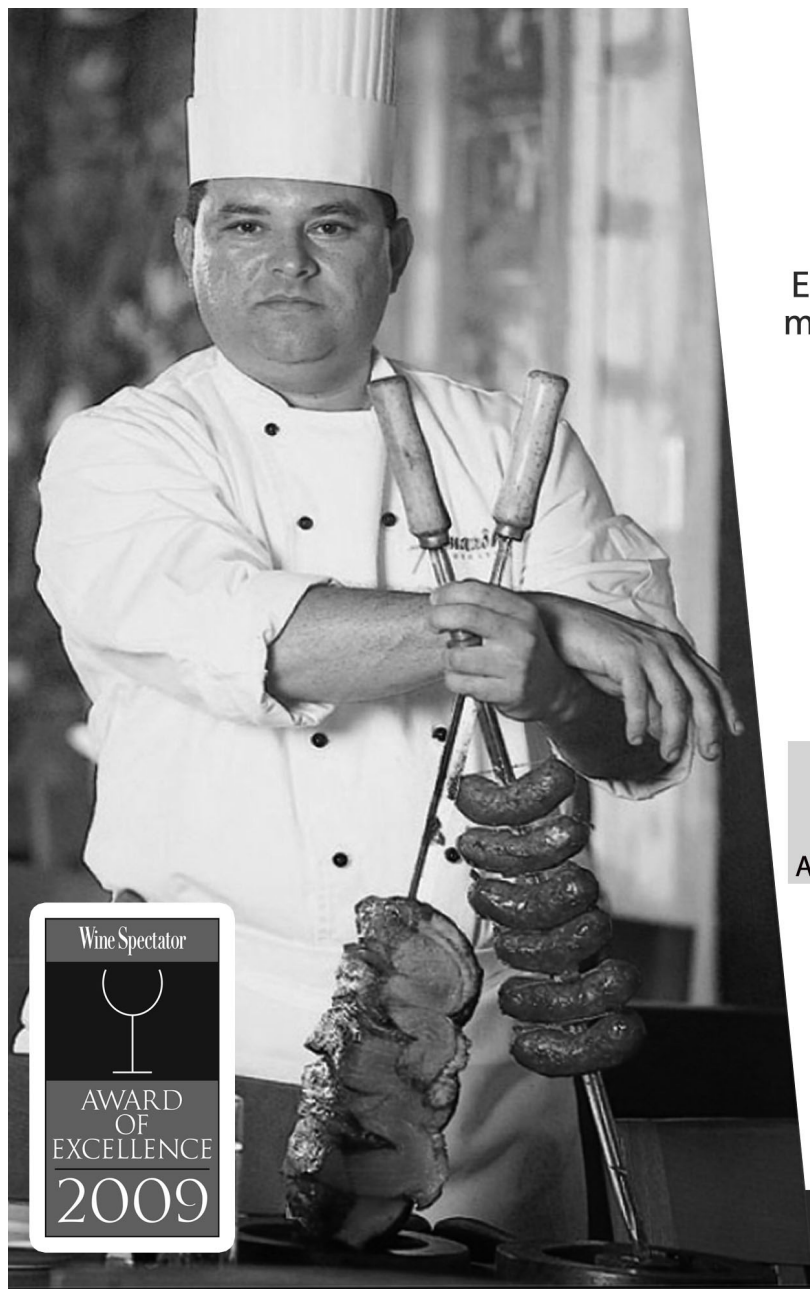
The alleged New York plot was disrupted in early September when police officials stopped Zazi's car as it entered New York.

Last month, an Afghanistan-born imam linked to the suspects pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI when asked about the men. □



File - Najibullah Zazi arrives at the offices of the FBI in Denver for questioning on in this Sept. 17, 2009 file photo. FBI agents late Saturday Sept. 19, 2009 arrested Najibullah Zazi, and his father, Muhammad Zazi during a raid Zazi's home in the Denver suburb of Aurora according to a spokeswoman for Najibullah Zazi's defense team. The new reality that there is a threat from violent Islamic extremism from within the U.S. It is difficult to say whether the uptick in cases is because law enforcement has gotten better at catching suspects or if there are simply more to catch.

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Russia points to human error in fatal Polish crash

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WARSAW, Poland (AP)

— Russian investigators suggested human error may have been to blame in the plane crash that killed the Polish president and 95 others, saying Monday there were no technical problems with the Soviet-made plane.

The Tu-154 went down Saturday while trying to land in dense fog near a Smolensk airport in western Russia. All aboard were killed, including President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of Polish political, military and religious leaders. They had been traveling in the Polish government-owned plane to attend a memorial in the nearby Katyn forest for thousands of Polish military officers executed 70 years ago by Josef Stalin's secret police.

The pilot had been warned of bad weather in Smolensk, and was advised by traffic controllers to land elsewhere — which would have delayed the Katyn observances.

He was identified as Capt. Arkadiusz Protasiuk, 36, and the co-pilot as Maj. Robert Grzywna, 36. Also in the cockpit were Ensign Andrzej Michalak, 36, and Lt. Artur Zietek, 31. In Warsaw, there was concern the pilots may have been asked by someone in the plane to land at Smolensk instead of diverting to Minsk or Moscow, in part to avoid missing the ceremonies.

Polish Prosecutor General Andrzej Seremet said Polish investigators talked to the flight controller and flight supervisor and “concluded that there were no conditions for landing.”

“The tower was advising against the landing,” Seremet said.

The plane was equipped with an instrument landing system, or ILS, said Col. Wieslaw Grzegorzewski of the Polish Defense Ministry.

“I can confirm the pilots were preparing for landing without the ILS system,” he said. “The airport didn't have the ILS system.”

Russian media reports said the Smolensk airfield is a



People walk past a poster showing the late Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria in downtown Warsaw, Poland, Monday, April 12, 2010. Polish President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria and some of the country's highest military and civilian leaders died on Saturday when the presidential plane crashed as it came for landing in fog in Smolensk, western Russia.

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former military air base that lacks equipment for automatic landings.

The business daily Kommersant said Monday that about 50 military personnel maintain the airport which is used only sporadically for official visits. It said the airfield has no permanent traffic controllers, and they are brought from the city of Tver when it's necessary.

Kommersant also said that the pilots had been informed about the bad weather in the area while the plane was still over Belarus, but the captain said he would see conditions for himself and then make a decision.

Polish investigators said they will listen to the cockpit conversations recorded on the black boxes to see if there were “any suggestions made to the pilots” from other people aboard the plane.

Other Russian officials said the pilots were offered the chance to land in Moscow, Minsk or Vitebsk, but they chose Smolensk, despite four failed attempts before the fifth and fatal approach.

Polish media reported in August 2008 that pilots flying Kaczynski to Tbilisi refused the president's order to land there because of the country's war with Russia, diverting instead to Azerbaijan.

In remarks on Russian television, Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov told a government meeting including President Dmitry Medvedev that the data recorders on the plane were found to have been completely functional, which will allow a detailed analysis. “It is reliably confirmed that warning of the unfavorable weather conditions at the North airport and recommendations to go to a reserve airport were not only transmitted but received by the crew of the plane,” he said.

Russian investigators have almost finished reading the flight recorders, said Alexander Bastrykin, Russia's chief investigator.

“The readings confirm that there were no problems with the plane, and that the pilot was informed about the difficult weather conditions, but nevertheless decided to land,” Bastrykin said during a briefing with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in Smolensk.

The wreckage will remain on site through midweek to speed the investigation, Russian Deputy Transport Minister Igor Levitin said.

In Warsaw, the acting president, Bronislaw Komorowski, moved Monday to start appointing replacements for the many posts left vacant

in the presidential office. He appointed a retired general, Stanislaw Koziej, as new National Security Bureau chief, and said the first task he was setting him was a review of the rules for travel of top military officials.

Both Russia and Ukraine declared a day of mourning Monday, as Poles struggled to come to terms with the tragedy that eliminated so many of their government and military leaders.

Tens of thousands watched as Kaczynski's body, returned Sunday to Warsaw, was carried in a coffin by a hearse to the presidential palace. His twin brother, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the former prime minister, was present.

Adam Bielan, an aide to Jaroslaw, said the two brothers spoke briefly Saturday morning when the president called his twin just before the plane crash to say they would be landing soon.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, the U.N.'s blue and white flag flew at half-staff Monday in Kaczynski's memory.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed his “most profound condolence at such a tragic passing away of President Lech Kaczynski, with whom I have been working very closely, especially on climate change.”

An annual Holocaust memorial event at Auschwitz-Birkenau on Monday was honoring Kaczynski and the other victims. Organizers of the March of the Living — with some 10,000 Jewish youth marching over about 2 miles (3 kilometers) between the two parts of the former Nazi death camp — said those marching would also remember those killed in Saturday's crash.

Forensics experts from Poland and Russia were working to identify other bodies, including first lady Maria Kaczynska, using DNA testing in many cases.

Jacek Sasin, a spokesman for the Presidential Palace, said Kaczynska's body would be sent to Warsaw on Tuesday.

He said the bodies of the first couple would lie in state at the palace beginning Tuesday, their coffins closed, and the public would be permitted to view them.

“We want every Pole who wants to pay tribute to the president, to be able to come and stand by the coffin,” he said. Sasin said officials are now planning the funeral for Saturday but a final decision depends on when the bodies of all 96 victims are returned home. So far, 87 bodies have been recovered and 40 of them identified, Seremet said.

Medvedev has said he wants to attend, according to Polish Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski.

Sasin said nothing has been changed in the living quarters of the president and his wife since they were there for breakfast Saturday.

“I don't think there is anyone who would want to change anything there. We still cannot believe what has happened,” he said.

Among the victims Saturday was Ryszard Kaczorowski, 90, the last leader of Poland's exiled government in London. The exile leadership was established during the Nazi occupation of Poland and continued to declare itself the rightful government during the decades of communism, until Lech Walesa became Poland's first popularly elected president in 1990. □

Nigerian president promises fair elections in 2011

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Nigeria's acting president promised Monday free and credible elections in 2011 in Africa's most populous country.

Acting President Goodluck Jonathan said in an appearance at the Council on Foreign Relations that was his clear goal that could be achieved in a year.

"Today, it is safe to say I am faced with the biggest test of my political career," Jonathan said.

Jonathan, who took over after ailing President Umaru Yar'Adua left Nigeria in November for medical treatment in Saudi Arabia, has little time to address the country's growing insecurity, religious problems and corrupt elections.

The next presidential election will come in January or April of next year, and the ruling People's Democratic Party has said it won't back Jonathan as a candidate.

Nigeria's 2007, election saw

its first civilian-to-civilian transfer of power in a nation long beset by military dictatorships. However, the vote was marred by fraud, intimidation and violence.

Meanwhile, in Nigeria, an aide to former Nigerian military leader Ibrahim Babangida announced that he wants to run for president next year.

Babangida's latest attempt at recapturing the office he seized some 25 years ago is bound to generate controversy because as military ruler he annulled the presidential poll of June 1993, which Nigerians and foreign observers considered to be the country's freest and fairest.

He was not a candidate in that election and explored running in 2007 but decided against it. Now he will seek to run as a candidate of the governing PDP, said Kassim Afegbua, his spokesman.

"We are in full throttle; there is no going back this time around," said Afegbua, in reference to Babangida's change of mind in 2007. "As soon as he finishes his

consultation, he will formally declare (his intent to run for office) at a rally."

Jonathan, who is in Washington to attend U.S. President Barack Obama's Nuclear Summit, told reporters that the public fears the electoral commission "cannot conduct free elections in Nigeria."

He promised to scrutinize each of the board's members and said he has given clear directives to the country's electoral commission that the government would not tolerate any wrongdoing.

"For us, in Nigeria, this is our time," Jonathan said. "For now, our domestic focus must be on electoral reform" and bringing peace to the country's troubled Niger Delta region.

Militants in the delta have targeted oil workers for kidnapping in the past during their campaign to bring more oil money to a region that suffered environmental damage and economic neglect over 50 years of production. However, criminal gangs increasingly have been targeting wealthy Nigerians and politicians for



Acting Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan speaks at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, Monday, April 12, 2010.

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kidnappings.

In his remarks to the council, Jonathan made just a passing reference to ailing Yar'Adua, saying that he continues to pray for him.

Yar'Adua hasn't been seen publicly since he left without formally placing Jonathan, then the vice president, in charge, sparking a constitutional crisis that lasted

several months. The National Assembly empowered Jonathan to become acting president Feb. 9.

Yar'Adua returned to the presidential palace in late February, but has not been seen in public since then.

Jonathan met privately with Obama on Sunday and described the encounter as "warm and friendly." □

Anger mounts as US troops kill 4 Afghans on bus



Afghan policemen and protesters stand near a bus after it was fired upon by international troops during a anti-American protest in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, April 12, 2010. International troops opened fire on a bus carrying Afghan civilians early Monday, killing four people and setting off anti-American protests in a southern city that is a hotbed of the Taliban insurgency.

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghans burned tires and chanted "Death to America" after U.S. troops fired on a civilian bus near Kandahar, killing four people and wounding more than a dozen. Afghanistan's president

accused NATO of violating its commitment to safeguard civilian lives.

The attack Monday enraged Afghan officials and the public in Kandahar, the Taliban's birthplace, and dealt a fresh blow to U.S. and NATO efforts to win popular support for a coming offensive to drive the insurgents from

the biggest city in the south. NATO expressed regret for the loss of civilian lives and said it was investigating.

Nearly 200 Afghans blocked highway where the shooting occurred, burning tires, firing weapons and chanting "Death to America" and other slogans. They also called for the ouster of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, a Kandahar native who has been appealing for the people here to support the U.S.-led campaign against the Taliban.

"The Americans are constantly killing our civilians and the government is not demanding an explanation," protester Mohammad Razaq said. "We demand justice from the Karzai government and the punishment of those soldiers responsible."

There were conflicting accounts of the shooting, which took place before dawn in the Taliban-infiltrated Zhari district along the main highway linking Kandahar with the western provinces of

Helmand and Nimroz.

NATO said the bus approached a slow-moving military patrol from the rear at a high speed. Troops opened fire after the driver ignored flares and other warnings — including flashlights and hand signals — to slow down, NATO said in a statement. It confirmed four people were killed, adding the alliance "deeply regrets the tragic loss of life."

The alliance statement did not identify the soldiers' nationality, but witnesses and local Afghan officials said they were Americans. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they did not want to create problems with the NATO command.

One of the survivors, Rozi Mohammad, told The Associated Press at Kandahar hospital that the bus had just left a terminal when it pulled over to the side of the road to allow an American convoy to pass. Shooting broke out as the third or fourth American vehicle passed by, he said.

"They just suddenly opened fire. I don't know why. We had been stopped and after that I don't know what happened," said Mohammad, his left eye swollen shut and his beard and clothing matted with blood.

Karzai, who has often criticized the NATO force for endangering civilians, condemned the attack, adding that "this shooting involving a civilian bus violates NATO's commitment to safeguard civilian life."

Kandahar, a city of about a half million people, is nominally under government control, but the Taliban have stepped up infiltration, staging attacks and intimidating inhabitants.

Three suicide bombers attacked an Afghan intelligence compound in the city Monday, wounding 10 people, officials said. One of the bombers was captured, they added.

Nevertheless, much of the public anger was directed Monday against foreign forces as word of the pre-dawn shooting swept the city. □

Landslide derails train in northern Italy, 9 dead

ROME (AP) — A mass of mud and water slammed into a small commuter train traveling in the Italian Alps Monday, knocking the front car into a ditch and killing nine people aboard, officials said.

A Bolzano province official, Francesca De Carlini, said the two-car train, filled with local commuters and students, was passing by at the exact moment that a large irrigation pipe on higher elevation burst.

“A mass of mud and water knocked down the first car into the ditch,” she said. “All of the dead were in the first car, which was pulled down into the ditch,” De Carlini said by telephone.

She discounted earlier media reports of the possibility of three missing, saying the death toll was definitive at nine and that all bodies had been identified. There were also 28 injured, including seven hospitalized in serious condition, De Carlini said.

A geologist was examining the terrain, near the border with Austria, but it was not clear why the pipe burst, she said. A magistrate has begun an investigation into the cause, but the rupture didn’t appear to be due to cold weather.

De Carlini said the accident occurred shortly after 9 a.m. and that help arrived within a few minutes. Helicopters, ambulances and firefighters rushed to the scene to rescue survivors.

The train had been nearing its destination of Merano, about 185 miles north of Venice, after departing from the small town of Malles.

The train line runs between the Adige river and mountains. □



Firefighters search the wreckage of a train derailed near Merano, northern Italy, Monday, April 12, 2010. A landslide hit and derailed a train in northern Italy on Monday, killing 11 people and leaving some 30 injured, officials said. The accident happened near Merano, a small town close to the Austrian border about 185 miles north of Venice. With the wreckage still on the tracks, rescuers were working to pull out bodies and find possible survivors. The area was cordoned off, said Giuseppe Marazzi of the local firefighters.

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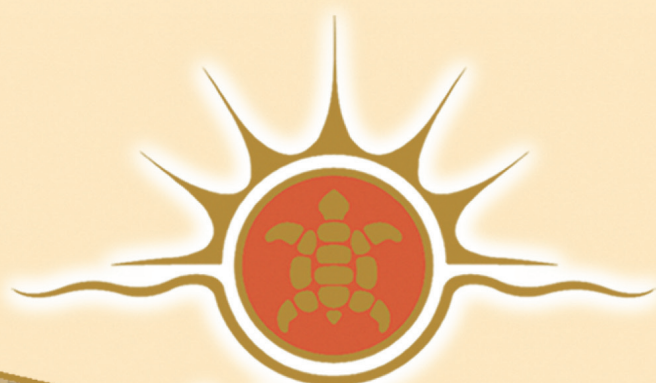
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That phrase was not included in a draft of the document obtained Friday by The Associated Press. The Vatican offered no explanation for the addition. However, Pope Benedict XVI has come under increasing pressure to show the Vatican is serious about confronting clerical abuse and cracking down on church officials who let it go on virtually unchecked for decades.

The Rev. Thomas Reese, a Vatican analyst, said the guidelines will help parishioners hold bishops accountable.

“While the Vatican never told bishops they could not report abuse to the police, this is the first time the Vatican has been so clear on the responsibility to follow civil law concerning reporting of crimes,” said Reese, a Jesuit priest and senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University. Still, it was unclear what enforcement mechanism the guideline published Monday might have. It is just that — a guideline — and not an official instruction to bishops from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In addition, the guideline makes clear that bishops are to report “crimes” — not just

allegations.

Victims were not impressed by Monday’s action.

“Let’s keep this in perspective: it’s one sentence and it’s virtually nothing unless and until we see tangible signs that bishops are responding,” said Joelle Casteix, western regional director for SNAP, the Survivors Network for Those Abused by Priests, the main victims’ group in the U.S. “One sentence can’t immediately reverse centuries of self-serving secrecy.”

She said if the Vatican truly wanted to change course “it would be far more effective to fire or demote bishops who have clearly endangered kids and enabled abuse and hid crimes, than to add one sentence to a policy that is rarely followed with consistency.”

The document falls far short of U.S. norms. That policy, approved by the Vatican as church law in the U.S., bars credibly accused priests from any public church work while the allegations are investigated. Diocesan review boards, comprised mostly of lay people, help bishops oversee cases. Clergy found guilty are permanently barred from public ministry and, in some cases, ousted from the priesthood.

In a letter to the Irish faithful last month, Pope Benedict

XVI told Irish bishops they should cooperate with civil authorities in investigating abuse. However, this is the first time the Vatican has issued a guideline for the church as a whole.

None of the core public Vatican documents that address the handling of abuse direct bishops to report cases to police. Nor does canon law make such an explicit requirement.

Jeffrey Lena, the Vatican’s U.S. lawyer, said a 1965 document from the Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, contained an implicit understanding of the need to follow civil laws that are just. The reference is vague, however.

“The statement confirms what has been long known, that where the civil state creates an obligation to report, bishops like anyone else are required to examine the law and determine what they have to do to obey it,” Lena told the AP.

“These guidelines may help clarify that point for people who are less familiar with canon law.”

In 2002, after the clerical abuse scandal erupted in the United States, American bishops enacted reforms instructing bishops to comply with state laws for reporting abuse, and to cooperate with authorities.



Pope's No. 2: Pedophilia linked to homosexuality

BRAD HAYNES

Associated Press Writer

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — The Vatican’s second-highest authority says the sex scandals haunting the Roman Catholic Church are linked to homosexuality and not celibacy among priests.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican’s secretary of state, made the comments during a news conference Monday in Chile, where one of the church’s highest-profile pedophile cases involves a priest having sex with young girls.

“Many psychologists and psychiatrists have demonstrated that there is no relation between celibacy and pedophilia. But many others have demonstrated, I have been told recently, that there is a relation between homosexuality and pedophilia. That is true,” said Bertone. “That is the problem.”



Vatican makes peace with the Beatles



FILE - In this Aug. 11, 1966 file photo, John Lennon of the Beatles, center, is flanked by bandmates George Harrison, left, and Ringo Starr as he apologizes for his remark that 'the Beatles are more popular than Jesus,' at a Chicago news conference. The Vatican newspaper in its weekend editions April 10-11, 2010 said the Beatles' 'dissolute' lives and John Lennon's boastful claim that the band was more popular than Jesus are in the past, while their music lives on.

(AP Photo)

By **ALESSANDRA RIZZO**,
Associated Press Writer
VATICAN CITY—The Vatican has finally made peace with the Beatles, saying their drug use, "dissolute" lives and even the claim that the band was bigger than Jesus are all in the past — while their music lives on.

L'Osservatore Romano paid tribute to the Fab Four in its weekend editions, with two articles and a front-page cartoon reproducing the crosswalk immortalized on the cover of the band's album "Abbey Road." The tribute marked the 40th anniversary of the band's breakup.

"It's true, they took drugs; swept up by their success, they lived dissolute and uninhibited lives," said the paper. "They even said they were more famous than Jesus," it said, recalling John Lennon's 1966 comment that outraged many Catholics and others. "But, listening to their songs, all of this seems distant and meaningless," L'Osservatore said. "Their beautiful melodies, which changed forever pop music and still give us emotions, live on like

precious jewels."

It is not the first time the Vatican has praised the legendary band from Liverpool.

Two years ago, Vatican media hailed the Beatles' musical legacy on the 40th anniversary of the "White Album." And last month the Vatican paper included "Revolver" in its semiserious list of top-10 albums.

Now, L'Osservatore says that the Beatles' songs have stood the test of time, and that the band remains "the longest-

lasting, most consistent and representative phenomenon in the history of pop music."

Giovanni Maria Vian, the editor in chief of L'Osservatore Romano, said Monday that he loves the Beatles.

He said that at the time of Lennon's sensational statement, Osservatore "commented that in reality it wasn't that scandalous, because the fascination with Jesus was so great that it attracted these new heroes of the time." □

Waters to celebrate 'Wall' anniversary with tour

By **NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**,
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — It's been 30 years, but Pink Floyd's "The Wall" still means a great deal in the rock world — and to its co-creator Roger Waters. So to commemorate the groundbreaking album's anniversary, Waters plans a tour this fall of the music from the concept album, with new staging that will bring the story — loosely inspired by his life — to a new generation.

"In the 30-odd years since I first performed this piece, it's taken on some new meanings for me," Waters, co-founder, bassist and main lyricist for Pink Floyd, said in an interview last week.

"Thirty years ago when I was kind of an angry and not very young lad, I found myself driven into defensive positions because I was scared of stuff, and I've come to realize that in that personal story, maybe somewhere hidden in there exists an allegory for more general and universal themes, political and social themes," he said. "It's really for that reason that I decided that I'd try and create a new performance of this piece using a lot of the

same things that we did all those years ago."

But Waters said he won't just be dusting off the show that the now-defunct Pink Floyd performed decades ago. In fact, Waters said part of the excitement surrounding his new staging of "The Wall" involves new technology that allows him to do things he could only dream about in the 1980s and '90s.

"Projection systems now are completely different from what they were then, which means that I would be able to project over the entire 250-foot expanse of the wall ... which we couldn't do in those days," he said.

Though the tour promises plenty of grand theatrics, more important to Waters is the legendary album's political and social commentary, which he believes is still relative.

"When we did it then, we were after the end of the Vietnam War, and we're right now in the middle of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, so there's a very powerful anti-war message in 'The Wall.' There was then and there still is now," he said.

Waters plans a segment in the show that will pay tribute to soldiers who lost their lives,



Recording artist Roger Waters poses for a portrait in New York, Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

(AP Photo/Jeff Christensen)

not only in the recent wars, but also in other conflicts.

The U.S. tour will kick off Sept. 15 in Toronto and end Dec. 15 in Anaheim, Calif. It will also head to Europe.

For Waters, the concerts will likely mark the end of his performing days.

"I'm not as young as I used to be. I'm not like B.B. King, or Muddy Waters," the 66-year-old said. "My friend Eric Clapton ... he'll be playing guitar and he'll be on stage 'til the day he dies, because that's what he does."

"I'm not a great vocalist or a great instrumentalist or whatever, but I still have the fire in my belly, and I have something to say," he continued. "I have a swan song in me and I think this will probably be it." □

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March budget deficit declines to \$65.4B

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER,
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – The budget deficit for March showed a dramatic decline as the Obama administration formally entered a lower ultimate cost for the government's \$700 billion financial bailout program.

The Treasury Department said the deficit for March totaled \$65.4 billion, compared to a \$191.6 billion imbalance a year ago. However, \$115 billion of that improvement occurred because the administration lowered its estimate of the total costs for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

The lower bailout estimate had already been included in the administration's budget which it sent to Congress in February but it had not been included until March in the Treasury Department's monthly accounting of outlays and receipts.

The deficit through the first six months of this budget year totals \$716.99 billion, a drop of 8.2 percent from the same period a year ago. However, the administration is projecting that the deficit for all of 2010 will hit an all-time high of \$1.56 trillion, up from last year's record of \$1.4 trillion.

The projected full-year deficit is being driven upward by the severe impact of the worst recession since the 1930s, which has cut sharply into government tax revenues while driving up spending.

Spending is higher because of the costs of the bailout to help financial firms, auto companies and homeowners facing foreclosure. The spending has also soared because of the economic stimulus program passed in February 2009 with an original price tag of \$787 billion plus the added



FILE - In this Nov. 4, 2009 file photo, Amy Gress, top, hands a resume to high school principal Scott Roberts during an education job fair at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. The administration said Monday, April 12, 2010, the huge deficits have been necessary to prevent an even deeper recession. But Republicans have attacked the stimulus spending for failing to do enough to boost employment. The jobless rate in March remained at 9.7 percent for a third straight month although payrolls grew by 162,000.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel, File)

demands on such government programs as unemployment benefits and food stamps.

For the first six months of the current budget year, government receipts total \$953.9 billion, down 3.6 percent from the same period a year ago. However, in an encouraging sign that the economy is starting to turn around, tax receipts in March were higher than a year ago, marking the second consecutive month that tax receipts were up from a year ago. That followed 21 straight months in which receipts were lower than the same period the previous year. □

Stocks edge higher after Greece debt concerns ease

By STEPHEN BERNARD
and TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK – A loan agreement for Greece and a handful of corporate takeover announcements nudged the stock market higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 20 points Monday to move back above 11,000 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index neared 1,200.

The loan agreement for Greece allowed U.S. investors to turn their focus to a busy week of economic and corporate earnings reports. Dow component Alcoa Inc. is scheduled to report earnings after the market closes.

European leaders agreed over the weekend to make loans available to Greece to help the country ease its public debt burden. The 16 countries that use the euro agreed to provide \$40.5 billion in loans to Greece if needed. The International Monetary Fund could contribute another \$13.5 billion.

The loans would carry interest rates below what private lenders had been demanding in recent days to hold Greek debt. Traders had been worried Greece would default on its loans.

The details helped to calm worries that have been one of the few drags on stocks so far this year.

There has been concerns in recent months that mounting debt in Greece and other European nations like Spain and Portugal would stunt an economic recovery in Europe and undermine Europe's shared currency, the euro.

"This is clearly a positive development that the EU is identifying and dealing with what has really been its first



A board on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the Dow Jones Industrial Average above 11,000 after the opening bell, Monday, April 12, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

real challenge," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist for RidgeWorth Investments.

Meanwhile, the latest round of corporate dealmaking signaled that business leaders are more confident about a recovery.

Mirant Corp. agreed to acquire rival power company Reliant Energy Inc. for \$1.61 billion, while the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management is buying DynCorp International, a provider of support services to U.S. national security operations, for \$1 billion.

The reports on Greece and the corporate buyouts raised expectations that the economy is recovering. Hopes of a rebound have been driving the stock market higher for 13 months.

The advance since February has been more incremental but the gains have still left major stock indexes at their best levels in about 18 months.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow rose 19.35, or 0.2 percent, to 11,016.70. The S&P 500 index rose 2.94, or 0.3 percent, to 1,197.31. It traded has high as 1,199.20. It hasn't topped 1,200 since September 2008.

The Nasdaq composite index

rose 5.59, or 0.2 percent, to 2,459.64.

The Dow is coming off its sixth straight weekly gain. The index climbed above 11,000 for the first time since September 2008 in the final moments of trading Friday before ending just below that threshold.

Bond prices rose Monday after the deal to help Greece reduced concerns that its problems would hurt the world's debt markets. The rise in prices pushed down yields. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.84 percent from 3.88 percent late Friday.

Gold rose. Crude oil fell 63 cents to \$84.29 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Reports on inflation, retail sales, manufacturing and housing will be released during the week. Intel Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co., Bank of America Corp., Google Inc. and General Electric Co. all slated to report earnings this week.

Among stocks, Mirant rose \$2.04, or 19 percent, to \$12.77, while RRI rose 56 cents, or 14.2 percent, to \$4.51. DynCorp surged \$5.66, or 48.2 percent, to \$17.41. □

SPORTS

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NL Roundup

Halladay throws complete game, Phils beat Astros, 2-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Halladay struck out eight in his first National League complete game as the Philadelphia Phillies completed a sweep of the winless Houston Astros with a 2-1 victory Sunday. Halladay (2-0) scattered seven hits and retired the last nine batters he faced. Acquired from Toronto in an offseason trade, the former AL Cy Young Award winner pitched his 50th career complete game and outdueled Roy Oswalt (0-2). Houston dropped to 0-6. The two-time NL champion Phillies improved to 5-1. Jimmy Rollins led off the game with a home run. Philadelphia mustered only six hits, its first game under 10 hits this season. Halladay threw 111 pitches, including 83 for strikes, and earned his 150th career victory.

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Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Halladay delivers a pitch during the eighth inning of an MLB baseball game against the Houston Astros, Sunday, April 11, 2010 in Houston. Halladay pitched a complete game as the Phillies beat the Astros 2-1.

Associated Press

Polish boxer dedicates fight to crash victims

DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Polish boxer Tomasz Adamek is dedicating his fight against Cristobal Arreola this month to those killed in the plane crash in Russia.

The plane carrying Polish President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of political, military and religious leaders went down while trying to land Saturday in dense fog near Smolensk airport in western Russia. All 96 passengers and crew aboard died.

"Fate took friends, people who I always admired," Adamek told The Associated Press by e-mail late Sunday. "Many people so important for my home country — their families need us. They need compassion as they grieve."

Adamek was born in Zywiec but now fights primarily out of Jersey City, New Jersey. The former cruiserweight champion will fight Arreola on April 24 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario, California, in his third fight since moving up to heavyweight.

"There's not much I can do, but I would like to dedicate my upcoming fight to all of those who perished Saturday morning and all those left grieving," Adamek said. "Poles living in America and my American friends have been calling me, saying words of sympathy because they know that I'm Polish. Today, in the United States of America, we are all Polish."

This is the second time this year that a plane crash has affected Adamek. He was friends with Jacek Mazurek, a businessman who owned a plane that broke apart near Wall Township, New Jersey, in February. Five people were killed in that crash. □



In this Dec. 27, 2009 file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger leaves the field after an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

KATE BRUMBACK

Associated Press Writer

MILLEDGEVILLE, Georgia (AP) — Authorities

DA: No charges against Steelers' Roethlisberger

announced Monday that they will not charge Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger after a college student accused him of sexually assaulting her at a nightclub last month.

Ocmulgee Circuit District Attorney Fred Bright said the 20-year-old student's accusations could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and her lawyer said in a letter that she did not want to press charges.

"Therefore there will be no arrests made nor criminal prosecution against Mr. Roethlisberger," Bright said. The woman told an officer Roethlisberger sexually assaulted her early March 5 at the Capital City night club,

where he was drinking with friends shortly after his 28th birthday.

Bright said the investigation showed the woman was heavily intoxicated that night. She and her sorority sisters had met Roethlisberger at a different bar earlier in the night, and he invited them into a VIP area at the Capital City club and ordered them shots. When the woman walked down a hallway to a small bathroom, Roethlisberger followed her.

What happened in that bathroom is unclear, Bright said. A doctor who examined the woman could not say if she was raped, and while some DNA was found, there was not enough to determine whom it belonged to.

"We are not condoning Mr. Roethlisberger's actions that night," Bright said. "But we do not prosecute morals. We prosecute crimes."

He said local and state investigators spent weeks questioning witnesses even though the woman sent a letter urging prosecutors not to move forward with charges.

"I know when I have a case and I know when I don't," Bright said. "And I do not have enough evidence to convince 12 jurors beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Roethlisberger was guilty of rape."

Bright said the woman told him it had been an "unnerving experience" and that she and her family made it clear they did not want the matter

prosecuted. Lee Parks, the woman's attorney, did not immediately comment.

Roethlisberger was seen out with a few friends at several different bars that night. The Capital City club is a popular spot for students at the neighboring Georgia College & State University. Roethlisberger owns a home about 30 miles north on Lake Oconee, in central Georgia.

The two-time Super Bowl champ is being sued by a different woman who says he raped her in 2008 at a Lake Tahoe hotel and casino, an allegation he denies. Roethlisberger has not been criminally charged in that case either and has claimed counter-damages in the lawsuit. □

NHL Roundup

Crosby scores 2 to finish with 51; Pens win in OT

UNIONDALE, New York (AP) — Sidney Crosby finished the regular season with a flourish, scoring twice to reach 50 goals for the first time and adding three assists that helped the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Islanders 6-5 in overtime Sunday.

Crosby's second-period breakaway gave him 51 goals this season, tying him with Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos for the Maurice Richard Trophy as the league's top goal scorer.

Jordan Leopold scored at 4:25 of overtime for the Penguins, who will be the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference when the NHL playoffs begin this week.

Evgeni Malkin complemented Crosby's big game with two goals and two assists. Eric Godard also scored for the Penguins.

John Tavares had two goals, and Matt Moulson, Kyle Okposo and Jon Sim also scored for the Islanders.

Lightning 3, Panthers 1

At Sunrise, Florida, Steven Stamkos got his 51st goal of the season, and Vincent Lecavalier and Alex Tanguay also scored to lead Tampa Bay past Florida.

Stamkos chased down a loose puck and scored into an empty net with 13 seconds left to tie Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby for the league lead. Washington's Alex Ovechkin remained at 50 after he was held scoreless in the Capitals' loss to Boston. Mike Smith made 30 saves for the Lightning, who finished the season with three straight wins.

Rostislav Olesz scored for Florida and Scott Clemmensen stopped 28 shots.

Devils 2, Sabres 1

At Newark, New Jersey, Jamie Langenbrunner scored an empty-net, power-play goal with 3 seconds left as New Jersey earned the No. 2 playoff seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Sabres needed to win the game in regulation to earn the No. 2 seed and they pulled goalie Patrick Lalime with about 10 seconds to go to put

an extra skater on the ice. It backfired seconds later when Langenbrunner took a pass from Zach Parise and found the empty net.

Travis Zajac also scored and Martin Brodeur stopped 22 shots, including a great leg save on Toni Lydman with 2:35 to play. The Devils will meet seventh-seeded Philadelphia in the opening round of the playoffs.

Thomas Vanek scored for Buffalo.

Flyers 2, Rangers 1, SO

At Philadelphia, Brian Boucher stopped Olli Jokinen on the final attempt of the shootout to send Philadelphia into the playoffs while eliminating the New York Rangers.

The Flyers earned the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference and will play New Jersey.

The Rangers forced what was essentially a one-game playoff when they beat the Flyers on Friday night. Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist was sensational, but Matt Carle tied the game at 1 early in the third period.

Daniel Briere and Claude Giroux scored in the shootout for the Flyers. P.A. Parenteau scored for the Rangers.

Red Wings 3, Blackhawks 2 OT

At Chicago, Brad Stuart scored at 3:11 of overtime as Detroit prevented Chicago from winning the Western Conference.

Stuart took a pass from Dan Cleary to beat Antti Niemi as the Red Wings continued their late-season surge and locked up the No. 5 seed in the Western Conference. They will face Phoenix in the first round.

A victory would have allowed the Blackhawks to tie San Jose (113) for most points in the Western Conference and Chicago would have won a tiebreaker because it had more victories.

Instead the Blackhawks had their six-game winning streak end, finishing with 112 points and now have the No. 2 seed. They will open the playoffs against Nashville.

At Denver, Dustin Brown scored 1:31 into overtime,

helping Los Angeles head into the postseason with a burst of momentum.

The Avalanche enter the postseason as the eighth seed and will face San Jose.

Los Angeles tied the game late in the third when Jarret Stoll redirected a shot past Craig Anderson. Kings goalie Erik Ersberg had 31 saves filling in for Jonathan Quick.

In other NHL matches: Boston 4, Washington 3, SO; Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, SO; Detroit 3, Chicago 2, OT; Los Angeles 2, Colorado 1, OT; New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1; Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 5, OT; Tampa Bay 3, Florida 1; and Anaheim 7, Edmonton 2. □



New York Islanders goalie Dwayne Roloson (30) blocks shot by Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby (87) as Islanders' Freddy Meyer (44) and Penguins' Jordan Staal (11) skate in at right during the first period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, April 11, 2010, in Uniondale, N.Y. Pittsburgh won 6-5 in overtime.

Associated Press

Lightning fire Tocchet, Lawton



This Oct. 17, 2009, file photo shows Tampa Bay Lightning coach Rick Tocchet behind players on the bench in the third period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — The Tampa Bay Lightning have fired coach Rick Tocchet and general manager Brian Lawton

after missing the playoffs for the third straight year.

Team owner Jeff Vinik made the announcement Monday.

The search for a new GM will begin immediately, and Lawton's replacement will hire the coach. Vinik said in a statement that Tampa Bay's hockey operations department "needs a fresh start in order to help us fulfill our goal of being a world-class organization."

Tocchet became interim coach 16 games into the 2008-09 season and was given the head coach position in May 2009. Lawton assumed the general manager post on Oct. 22, 2008. □

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New York Mets catcher Rod Barajas, left, shows the ball to the home plate umpire after Washington Nationals' Josh Willingham (16) scored on his first-inning grand slam off Mets' Johan Santana in their baseball game at Citi Field in New York, Sunday, April 11, 2010.

NL ROUNDUP

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He has 137 wins since 2001, tying Oswalt and the Yankees' CC Sabathia for the most in the majors.

Diamondbacks 15, Pirates 6

At Phoenix, Edwin Jackson hit the first homer of his career, capping an Arizona-record 13-run burst in the fourth inning.

Chris Young and Kelly Johnson also connected during the big inning that featured eight hits, including two by Jackson.

Chris Snyder homered for Arizona and tied his career high with five RBIs. Young's homer was his third in four games and he drove in four runs, giving him nine RBIs for the series.

Stephen Drew drove in two runs and every Diamondbacks starter scored. Jackson, a career .129 hitter entering the day, came around twice in the huge inning.

Nationals 5, Mets 2

At New York, Josh Willingham

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wound up with a grand slam off Johan Santana after a wild sequence in the first inning to lead Washington to the victory.

Willingham's drive hit the wall in left-center and was initially ruled in play. He tried to stretch his triple when the ball got away from catcher Rod Barajas and was tagged out, leaving both players sprawled across home plate.

After checking the replay, the umpires ruled a home run.

Willingham also had an RBI double in the third inning, helping the Nationals beat Santana (1-1) for the first time since June 9, 2007.

At Cincinnati, Mike Leake pitched into the seventh inning during his major league debut and Ramon Hernandez drove in the go-ahead run for Cincinnati with a bases-loaded walk.

Leake became the 21st player since the draft began in 1965 to play in the majors without appearing in a minor league game and first since Xavier Nady with the San Diego Padres in 2000. He also became the first American pitcher to accomplish the feat since Darren Dreifort with

the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994.

The 22-year-old right-hander issued seven walks but allowed just one run and four hits over 6 2-3 innings. He also went 2 for 2 at the plate.

The Reds loaded the bases in the eighth inning on two singles and a walk against John Grabow (0-2), and Esmailin Caridad walked Hernandez to force in the go-ahead run. Jonny Gomes followed with a sacrifice fly.

At Miami, Jorge Cantu tied a career high with five RBIs as Florida rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers for the second time in less than 18 hours.

Florida trailed 4-0 before Cantu hit a three-run homer in the fourth. He put the Marlins ahead 6-5 with a two-run double in the seventh off Jeff Weaver (0-1).

Cantu's sacrifice fly capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning Saturday, when Florida beat Los Angeles 7-6.

At Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched six effective innings and Troy Tulowitzki hit a two-run double as Colorado won the deciding game in the first series of the season between

the NL West rivals.

Miguel Olivo homered and Seth Smith added an RBI single for the Rockies, who bounced back from Saturday night's 5-4 loss to the Padres in 14 innings, the longest game in the majors this season. Franklin Morales got three outs for his second save in as many chances.

Jimenez (2-0) allowed two runs and seven hits. He also struck out seven while improving to 3-0 with a 3.15 ERA in his last three starts against San Diego dating to September 2008.

At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum struck out 10 in seven innings, Pablo Sandoval hit a two-run homer as San Francisco beat Atlanta in a game that finally started after a rain delay of 4 hours, 9 minutes.

Aubrey Huff, Mark DeRosa and Bengie Molina hit RBI singles for the Giants. Huff also scored the go-ahead run in the sixth on rookie right fielder Jason Heyward's misguided throw for his first career error.

Heyward hit a solo homer in the ninth. Brian McCann had a two-run shot in the first off Lincecum (2-0), the two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner.

In other NL games it was, Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 1; Florida 6, L.A. Dodgers 5; Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 2; Philadelphia 2, Houston 1; Colorado 4, San Diego 2; San Francisco 6, Atlanta 3; Arizona 15, Pittsburgh 6; and Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 7.

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Ferrero into second round at Monte Carlo Masters

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MONACO (AP) — Two-time former champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain thrashed countryman Marcel Granollers 6-0, 6-3 Monday in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

The ninth-seeded Ferrero, who was the Monte Carlo champion in 2002 and 2003, broke Granollers' serve five times overall and saved the only break point he faced, in the second set. He next faces Germany's Benjamin Becker.

Tenth-seeded Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic also advanced when he beat Spain's Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-1.

Berdych dropped his serve in the first set but broke Lopez five times and had seven aces to set up a second-round match against France's Richard Gasquet, who beat qualifier Daniel Gimeno-Traver of Spain 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Berdych reached the Sony Ericsson Open final last week, losing to Andy Roddick.

No. 11 David Ferrer of Spain and No. 14 Juan Monaco of Argentina also progressed to the second round in straight sets.

Ferrer won 6-2, 6-4 against Peter Luczak of Australia, while Monaco beat Finland's Jarkko Nieminen 7-5, 7-5 after breaking his opponent for the sixth time in the match to seal victory.

David Nalbandian of Argentina served eight aces to defeat Andreas Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-1 while German players Philipp Kohlschreiber and Benjamin Becker also won.

Kohlschreiber labored to beat Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3) in a tense match where both players dropped serve six times. Becker had little trouble in a 6-4, 6-2 win against Bernard Tomic of Australia.

Kohlschreiber next plays third-seeded Andy Murray on Wednesday.

"He's talented. He's given the top guys a

lot of good matches over the last couple of years," Murray said. "(He's a) very good clay-court player, and I need to play well to beat him."

In other matches, Latvia's Ernests Gulbis beat Marco Chiudinelli 6-3, 6-2; Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan beat Jeremy Chardy 6-2, 7-6 (2); Spain's Nicolas Almagro defeated Simon Greul 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; Julien Benneteau of France beat Oleksandr Dolgoplov Jr. 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; and Germany's Philipp Petzschner won 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 against Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

Five-time defending champion Rafael Nadal plays Eduardo Schwank or Thiemo de Bakker in the second round on Wednesday.

The third-ranked Nadal, seeded second at Monte Carlo behind No. 2-ranked Novak Djokovic of Serbia, is seeking his first title this year.

"If I don't have a good result here, in Rome or Madrid, my chances (at) Roland Garros or Wimbledon will be less," Nadal said Monday. "I never felt I am invincible on one surface, even on clay."

Nadal has won 27 straight matches at Monte Carlo — beating Djokovic in last year's final — and enters the tournament having lost semifinals to Roddick and Ivan Ljubicic on hard courts at the Sony Ericsson Open and the BNP Paribas Open.

"I played well in all the tournaments this year, I (just) didn't win," Nadal said.

Top-ranked Roger Federer is skipping the event, so he and Nadal will have to wait before getting an insight into each other's clay form ahead of the French Open — where Nadal will look to reclaim the title from Federer.

Winning at Monte Carlo preceded victory at the French Open for Nadal from 2005-08, until his upset loss to Robin Soderling at Roland Garros in the fourth round last year.



Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero returns the ball to Spain's Marcel Granollers, during their match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament, in Monaco, Monday, April 12, 2010.

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Aruban Red Cross team goes to Haiti



On Sunday April 11, 2010, a second Red Cross medical team (Team Aruba # 2) traveled to Haiti at about 2:30 PM local time. They will be staying there for one week and



are expected to return on 18 April 2010. The team consists of 18 persons: fifteen are from Aruba and 3 are from Curacao (anesthesiologist and 2 general physicians). The complete team consists of: pediatrician, orthopedic surgeon, internist, anesthesiologist, two general physicians, emergency care manager, pediatric nurse, scrub

nurse, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist assistant, four nurses, three Red Cross EMT's. This trip is being sponsored by Red Cross Aruba. The team has been put together in close cooperation between the Government of Aruba (Minister Visser), The Horatio Oduber Hospital, Red Cross Curacao and Red Cross Aruba. The Dutch Marines

have once again assisted with materials. Red Cross Aruba also sent 20.000 florin of medication along with the team. During the past weeks, Red Cross Aruba and HOH were approached by different medical organizations in Haiti requesting assistance. The International Red Cross has so far assisted 280.000 persons in Haiti.□

Rare Seabird spotted in Aruban Waters



ORANJESTAD —Marine biologists have discovered a rare Pomarine Skua in Aruban waters last Friday (9 April 2010). The bird, a mature individual, was photographed during a research trip by the Aruban Marine Mammal Foundation (AMMF).

Jolanda Luksenburg of the AMMF is very pleased with this discovery: "We are trying to establish which species of whales and dolphins occur in Aruban waters, where they are found and in which numbers. Of course, we are keeping a close eye on

seabirds too. The discovery of this rare bird was a nice surprise. It suggests that there might be other species roaming our seas that we still do not know about. We have just started our field work and we suspect that other surprises will turn up." Pomarine Skuas are predators related to gulls. They typically pursue other seabirds until they hand over their prey. They breed within the Polar Circle and migrate long distances in spring and fall. This is only the second time that this species is documented in Aruba. The previous record was in 1974, when one was photographed near the Bubali bird reserve.□



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Top North American wholesalers meeting in Aruba this week

AHATA emphasizes the need to give value for money

ORANJESTAD — Top wholesalers are gathered here to determine the best strategy to continue selling Aruba as a tourist destination in the North American market. Some 80 executives representing the top 19 partners of Aruba in the US and Canada are here for the Annual Tourism Conference Aruba (ATCA).

The objective of ATCA is to allow these producers to get a personal experience of what Aruba represents as a vacation destination.

According to Frits Israel of the Aruba Tourism Authority, ATCA 2010 has an exceptional value for our industry. Even though in the past, the number of attendees was higher, those who are here this year represent the largest portion of the market for the island. He mentioned particularly the large Internet presence here, such as Orbitz, Travelocity, Expedia, Travel Impressions y Flight Center.

James Hepple of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association said ATCA is the most important series of meetings for Aruba this year, with main suppliers of business. The tour operators of North America represent about 50 percent of the business generated out of that market, which represents 70 percent of the total business in Aruba. "It is our number one market and (we're dealing with) tour operators who generate most of the business." According to Hepple, the meetings here will determine how Aruba as a tourist destination will go into the next tourism seasons, the summer and fall seasons. As importantly, during the talks here, the operators and their Aruban counterparts will lay out the plans for next year. "It is never too early to start

planning."

The AHATA CEO said that even though numbers of the first quarter of 2010 show an increase in tourist's arrivals, the fact this happened thanks to continuous room rates discounts should not be ignored. "So while we saw some improvement in average room occupancy, unfortunately, the hotels had to continue discount rates. And so, revenue per available room continue to be down with two points," Hepple pointed out.

He added that tour operators have done reasonably well, some better than others over the past three months. The online tour operators have particularly well, Hepple emphasized. "That tells us that the market is looking for deals, for the best prices and continues to use the Internet." Aruba.com, the island's webpage plays a major role in that aspect, he continued. "So we have to be conscious of that during these days when we

talk with our partners, on how we are going to provide the best value for money the visitors are looking for."

According to James Hepple, "We all had major concerns about what may be happening in Venezuela this summer, while the Euro and European market are showing some difficulties, although we are trying to make some efforts by investing additional funds in there." This reality translates to the fact that the North American market will have an increasing importance for the tourist industry here. And therefore, the presence of 19 key partners here is detrimental to solidify that market for summer and going for the second half of the year, Hepple said.

The goal of the Aruba Tourism Authority, according to Israel is to ensure the demand for Aruba to remain high. In order to do so, "we need to know what the needs are of the operators, whether it pertains to

advertisement or sales. We need to support the operators, and make sure the market knows about Aruba, to convince vacationers to consider Aruba as their vacations spot.

Today, the producers or wholesalers will be engaged the entire day to illustrate their own ideas for Aruba, outlining their 2009 production and what it is they would need or like to see in order to sell the island better to their clients.

The general session is on Wednesday, with the official opening conducted by Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber. At the occasion, the participants will be exposed to the general plans of Aruba for the North American market and they will receive an insight of the beautification and improvement projects of the Aruba product. Moreover, the operators will get a detailed look into what Aruba has produced in tourism so far this year. In addition to the ceremony in the morning hours,

the conference participants will be engaged in a comprehensive island tour that day, to observe the different developments. "The evening hours will be reserved for networking in order to stimulate the creation of personal relations between operators and the tourism community here," Israel stated. Hotels and other tourism companies will be able to expose their products to the operators on Thursday, during the ATCA Marketplace. Suppliers in Aruba will be able to make one on one contacts with the North American operators, to show off their products and to reach agreements on business collaborations.

The final dinner, to take place on the evening of April 15th is not only geared toward closing off the negotiations and presentations on a festive note, but is also a gesture of gratitude for the strong partnership Aruba has always enjoyed with operators in the North American Market. □

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TIERRA DEL SOL - The sixth annual Wente Wine Golf Tournament, which was held this past Saturday at the Tierra del Sol Golf course, has been a resounding success. Happy faces, raised glasses and a lot of laughter formed part of this fun event. Winners were Wichard van der Meulen and Henk Steenbergen. They won a culinary golf weekend at Wente Vineyards in Livermore Valley, California. Second place was for Edward Ellis, who played together with Frank Boei. The tournament was held as a fundraiser for the Autism Foundation on Aruba, the Fundacion Autismo Aruba.

Tournament Director Adam Williamson of Tierra del Sol, Papiamento Restaurants Eduard Ellis and Govert van der Hout of the Arion

Wine Company put together an amazing affair, which started off at Papiamento Restaurant with a superb cocktail reception on Friday evening. The presence of fifth-generation winemaker Eric Wente gave the event extra zip. The more than 100 participants really enjoyed the star-studded evening. Saturday saw a 12.30 pm shotgun start and the carts zoomed off towards their respective holes for some strenuous athletics and a drink or two. The afternoons sunny exertions were forgotten around 6 pm, when the Wente wines were flowing again and a very interesting and tasty soup buffet was served. Terrific!

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Photos show Mr. Eric Wente



of Wente Wines enjoying the company of Renaissance Food and Beverage Director John Grigg and Govert van der Hout, Adam Williamson and Papiamento Restaurant Edward Ellis with the winners of the tournament. □



ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA (ABCA)

RESULTS THURSDAY, 8 APRIL 2010

A total of 8 pairs attended the morning bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Lorraine Wright / Joke Henriquez 59.79 %
- 2 Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 51.39 %
- 3 Stascha Hornix / Geke In 't Veld 50.90 %

RESULTS FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 2010

A total of 8 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar. Shirley and Gary Goodman joined the group as guest players.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Willy Flanegin / Joke Henriquez 64.50 %
- 2 Shirley and Gary Goodman 59.21 %
- 3 Edith Henriquez / Sheila Lampe 59.00 %
- 4 Emmy de Cuba / Annemieke de Cuba 51.25 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers : tel. 582-4953 □




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American Health Science students enjoyed experience in Aruba

ORANJESTAD - Health science students and professors traveled to Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire to gain hands-on experience in various health care clinics during spring break as part of a Healthcare and Culture course.

The group consisted of 24 occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech pathology students and four professors. As part of the course, the students applied to go on the seven-night cruise to experience healthcare in other cultures. Students researched the destinations beforehand and had to write an essay upon arriving back home.

Physical therapy professor Barbara Belyea, who accompanied the students on the trip, said healthcare has become a global issue, and it is important for students to have an understanding of different cultures and how each person's cultural background factors into the health decisions a person makes.

"It was a great opportunity, not only for our students to work together with other students, but also just an amazing experience for them to be able to immerse themselves in a couple different cultures and get a better understanding of healthcare issues that other countries are facing and other kinds of healthcare delivery that is occurring outside of the United States," she said.

During their first day in Aruba, the group had the opportunity to hike through the Aruba national park and experience the culture of Aruba. During the second day, the group visited the Aruba Autism Foundation, where they spoke with the founder of the clinic and learned how a local was able to create a clinic to help families detect the signs of autism in their child as well as learning about how to get the proper treatment.

In Curacao, the group went to the Curacao Dolphin Therapy and Research Center, which uses dolphins as motivational techniques to achieve optimal

results from the therapy being provided to children with spinal cord injuries and neurological and cognitive impairments.

Senior recreation management student Anna Sumerlin was one of four students who organized and planned the trip. She said the trip was a great experience to have over spring break.

"We got to see other cultures and how healthcare takes place and just be immersed in something different instead of just the cruise aspect of it," she said.

Sophomore physical therapy major Tim Reynolds said the trip was one of the best experiences he has ever had. He said he enjoyed having the opportunity to compare healthcare facilities in the United States to those of other countries while simultaneously becoming closer with students in the same fields.

"I would definitely go on this trip again, without even thinking twice," he said. "We had a great group of people with us, amazing faculty members watching over us, and had the opportunity to visit three amazing islands of the Caribbean while on a cruise ship. Why wouldn't you want to go again?" □

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Your Dynamic Action Plan

Exactly how we will reach our goals is not for us to decide, but it is important to always have a plan and take action toward a specific goal. We define the destination, and the path to get there is Life's Mystery. We must also maintain a delicate balance between staying focused on what we want and releasing control when the situation dictates. Once we know what we want, we can create a Dynamic Action Plan to help focus our actions toward our desires, while allowing the

path to unfold in surprising, mysterious ways.

When you plan something, you think about it, you analyze the variables and possible outcomes. Your thoughts are focused on different ways to reach the goal.

When you write your plan, you solidify it into three dimensions. Any construction project requires a set of written plans, and your life is the most important construction project ever.

Include a timeline in your plan, and set dates to reach milestones. When time is an active part of your plan, it will help your mind accept the new reality that your goals are going to happen. Milestones are important for many reasons. They help you measure your progress. You can look at an achievement and say, "Last month, this was just an idea. Now it is done, and I'm that much closer to my goal." Milestones encourage you along the way because they represent tangible success that you have achieved through action.

Once you have a solid plan on paper, you must start to take action. If your plan seems too overwhelming, break each main goal into manageable tasks. As you accomplish each small task, you will be getting closer to the goal. When you take action, you put energy into three dimensions. Even when your Action Plan changes, your action is not wasted. Just the intent of taking time and focused energy to reach your goal will solidify it further, even if the specific action did not in physical reality, bring

you closer to your dreams.

Your Action Plan must remain Dynamic. Be willing to change it as necessary. Your life will change as you get closer to your desires, and your desires will also change. It is important to keep the goal clear in your mind, but the path that leads you there is completely unknown. Knowing where you end up and not how you'll get there is what makes life an exciting adventure. Since you create the destination, you can relax as the path changes, because you know where you'll end up no matter how you get there.

Keep your plan malleable as your situation changes. Your desires might change as you grow, but your goals define your direction, so if your goals jump all over the place, you will not be able to follow a set direction, and you will get nowhere. Focused action over time is a big key to manifestation, but the action should be directed toward a common end. If you take action in different directions, you might not get anywhere. Stay focused on your goal,

follow your Dynamic Action Plan, and change it as your life changes.

Until Tomorrow...


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~Quentin Danziger


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Happy Birthday Rom



NOORD – Rom Rozenblat enjoyed an elaborate birthday party, his first in Aruba, at the family residence in Ruby. The party starred parents Ofra & Yochai, and brothers Arad & Neta, and other family members including many local adoptive uncles and aunts in a

supportive role. Rom celebrated his terrible twos, and was joined by Arad, awesome eleven, and Neta, fantastic eight, in the pool for most of the day, taking just short breaks to enjoy cupcakes by Jenn, a candy-filled Piniata, and the best part

of the afternoon, as Rom sat in a chair, a garland of fresh flowers in his hair, while the grown-ups raised and lowered him, the number of times

corresponding his age, plus one for good luck, and the following year. Pictured here the fun they had



Barefoot wedding on the beach with Melissa & Chad



MANCHEBO BEACH - rings and vows on the beach
Melissa A. Swanson and on Friday, April 9, 2010 just
Chad M. Bremer exchanged before the sun gently set into



the Caribbean Sea. Coming down to the Manchebo Beach Resort all the way from Minnesota with their parents and siblings as witnesses, Melissa and Chad celebrated their love with a toes-in-the-sand marriage.

Rev. Ruben Traxx officiated the romantic ceremony on Aruba's most beautiful beach at the Manchebo Beach Resort. Wedding Coordinator Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba orchestrated a dream wedding of a lifetime for the couple and their family.

After the marriage & sand ceremonies, Melissa and Chad started their lives together as Mr. and Mrs. Bremer with a wonderful dinner at Giorgio's Restaurant with their family complete with a cake cutting ceremony.

Congratulations to the Bremers and family from Aruba Today. ☐

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~



Aqua Grill... "the hip restaurant that is heaven on earth for seafood lovers," Fodor's Travel Guide



Among the island's many fine restaurants, Aqua Grill is the premier seafood sensation. Excitingly prepared in an open-view kitchen, fresh local catches join delicacies from waters abroad, including live Maine lobster, Norwegian salmon, sashimi tuna, and Alaskan king crab, along with a selection of non-seafood dishes.

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seafood is prepared in a variety of regional styles, melding local island charm with the traditions of New England, the spices of Jamaica, the zesty flavors of Italy, the mystique of Indonesia, and beyond.

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theater-of-illusions theater, every seat is close to the stage. In his new illusion he calls; "PRESENT", a tall girl steps into a tiny box, elevated in-the-air, the box spins 360 degrees,

then the sections are taken away, one by one, until the girl vanishes completely... right before your eyes!

Then as if that isn't enough to run to your local optometrist, he re-assembles the box for the magicbabe to make a triumphant reappearance. It's an all new original illusion not seen anywhere else in the world.

I went back to see the show during rehearsals, and still couldn't figure out the secret.

Tourists and local fans will remember Steinfeld for past performances, in Aruba,



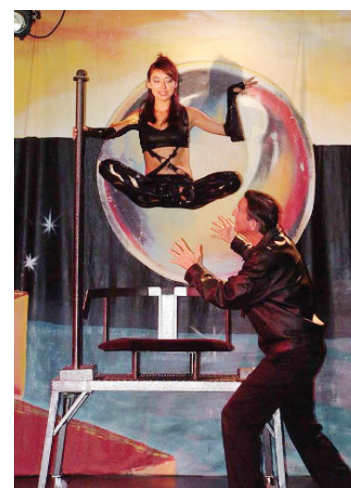
and on network television, Mr. Steinfeld recently authored "the Houdini Conspiracy", aka "Houdini Lives!", a collaborated work with new england mystery writer

Al Blanchard, he believes will be turned into a feature film.

The intimate Magic Live!® theater-of-illusions showroom is located just off the lobby of the Westin-Aruba in high-rise area, j.e. irausquin boulevard 77. Palm Beach,

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The authentic local seafood restaurant.

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Kiwanis and Sonrisa Aktion host Easter Egg Hunt



ORANJESTAD - Kiwanis Club of Aruba and Sonrisa Aktion club of Aruba decided this Easter to invite kids from Sonrisa and Emeldahof organization for an egg-hunt. This party was held at Jaburibari Park for over 55 children.

All present enjoyed the event and went home satisfied with a big smile on their face. Although Aktion club at Sonrisa is just 2 months old, the members took a natural lead in organizing this event and worked hard for over 2 weeks with handmade gift items and games organized by themselves. Result, of course, was an excellent egg-hunt party for all present. □





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Motion to continue financial supervision in lighter form

THE HAGUE--Three parties in the Dutch Parliament's Second Chamber will submit a motion on Monday, to give the temporary financial supervision of Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten a more structural character and to continue this supervision after five years, albeit a lighter version.

Labour Party PvdA, Christian Democrat Party CDA and green left party GroenLinks, together forming a majority in Parliament with 81 seats, intend to submit the motion during the second day of the handling of 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws. One of the laws deals with financial supervision for the two future countries.

The Kingdom Consensus Law on Financial Supervision for Curaçao and St. Maarten, which will be voted on in the Second Chamber this Thursday, will be discontinued in five years when the two islands have shown that they can stick to the budget discipline of the Committee for Financial Supervision CFT.

Discontinuing the law can be postponed by two years each time if a country hasn't been able to meet the budgetary requirements. However, the nature of the law is that the current strict financial supervision is finite. This has been agreed on with the Dutch Government.

In their motion, PvdA, CDA and GroenLinks said it was of the utmost importance for the financial positions of Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten that, after financial supervision was dropped, financial norms were anchored in countries' legislation and that the countries would stick to these norms.

The three parties suggested in their motion continuing financial supervision, but in a lighter form, not by law, but on the basis of a mutual agreement as stated in Article 38 of the Kingdom Charter.

After financial supervision had formally ended by law, the countries would have to send their approved annual reports to the Kingdom Council of Ministers. The countries would also have to submit all necessary information the Kingdom Council of Ministers deemed necessary to evaluate whether the countries were living up to the financial norms.

In case Curaçao and St. Maarten didn't comply with these norms, the Kingdom Council of Ministers, based on Article 51 of the Charter, would have the right to reinstitute either partial or full financial supervision on the countries.

The motion of Members of Parliament John Leerdam (PvdA), Bas Jan van Bochove (CDA) and Ineke van Gent (GroenLinks) is expected to receive broad support from, among others, the conservative VVD party, Socialist Party (SP) and Party for Freedom PVV.

Other than an amendment, a motion doesn't lead to a change in the law. The motion merely serves as a request to the Kingdom Council of Ministers to "promote that Dutch Government comes to a mutual agreement with Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten." □



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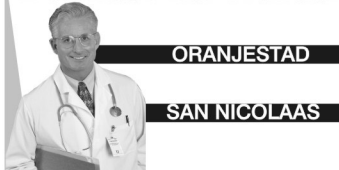
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The Human Costs of Nuclear Power

Alec Baldwin

In two previous posts, I wrote about the path I had gotten on, back in 1995, to shut down a research reactor at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island. The reactor, called a High Flux Beam Reactor, or HFBR, had its operations suspended and was eventually shut down, in 1999, after an investigation established that tritium had leaked from spent fuel pools and had contaminated ground water within and beyond the Brookhaven Lab site. I met many people while working on the BNL issue, as well as other battles involving nuclear power. One of them was Randy Snell, a Long Island resident who raised his family near Brookhaven. Snell's daughter developed a rare form of cancer, rhabdomyosarcoma, which was found in several other children living near BNL. The total number of cases was fifteen times the national average. Snell, and others who were struggling with "rhabdo" (and other soft tissue cancers) near reactors or enrichment facilities, told me that exposure to low-level radiation is a factor in the disease.

Many activists working on the issue at the time referred to Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, and its discussion of "bioaccumulation." Carson stated that chemical contamination, both alone and in conjunction with radiological contamination, would lead to extraordinary health hazards for human and animal populations. Long Island, particularly the Eastern region (Suffolk County) has been bombarded with applications of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides for many decades. Chemicals applied in farming (particularly potato farming), home lawn care, ball parks and golf courses have been driven down through a rather shallow "lense" of soil and have contaminated groundwater on Long Island with impunity. Breast cancer rates in Suffolk County are among the highest in the US. After BNL was shut down, the group I was working with at the time, Standing for Truth About Radiation (STAR) Foundation folded. Contacts I had made while with STAR led me to the Radiation and Public Health Project (RPHP) and my association with Dr. Jay Gould, Dr. Ernest Sternglass and Joe Mangano, who is the current Executive Director of RPHP. While RPHP introduced me to debates regarding alternative energy and the dangers posed by utility reactors all over the US, RPHP's focus was on Millstone in Connecticut, on Indian Point in Buchanan, New York and, most intently, on the Oyster Creek Reactor in Tom's River, New Jersey. RPHP's assertion is clear and is not new information. There are no safe levels of exposure to the byproducts created by the generation of reactors currently in use. RPHP has dedicated much of their work to promulgating the research of Dr. Ernest Sternglass, whose seemingly innocuously titled research into strontium 90 deposits in children's primary teeth elevated exposure to radiation. □

Justice Stevens, ObamaCare, and the Constitution. Is federal power now unlimited?

By Roger Pilon

Washington – With stormy midterm elections just ahead, and much of President Obama's agenda still undone, the last thing congressional Democrats needed is the distraction of a difficult and protracted Supreme Court confirmation battle.

Yet that's likely what's in store after Friday's announcement that Justice John Paul Stevens, the court's liberal lion, is stepping down in late June. The party's base, already disappointed with Mr. Obama, will doubtless press the president for a liberal replacement. But with the growing "tea party" movement raising long-ignored constitutional issues, even a moderate nominee will face questions congressional Democrats would rather leave buried.

Chief among those is that most basic question, brought to the fore by "ObamaCare": Are there any longer any constitutional limits on federal power?

If Congress can reorder one-sixth of the nation's economy, command states to establish insurance exchanges, and require individuals to buy insurance from private companies or face a tax, it would seem not. Yet the 19 states presently challenging such sweeping power will find little comfort in the decisions of Justice Stevens.

Coming of age during the New Deal, Stevens's jurisprudence more often than not has reflected the dominant themes of that era: judicial deference to broad assertions of government power, especially over the economy, coupled with seemingly inconsistent assertions of judicial power to ignore the law in deference to "evolving social values," all of which has given us modern "constitutional law" – not to be confused with the Constitution. The Founders gave us a Constitution aimed at securing individual liberty through limited government, with most power resting in the states or, even more, in the private sector.

It wasn't perfect, to be sure: In fact, it took a civil war to end slavery, and the Civil War Amendments to make the Bill of Rights good against the states. And there never was a "Golden Age," as Jim Crow, Prohibition, and much else attest.

But from the start, the main idea was clear: Whatever the nation's faults in practice, the point of life was to live it, freely, not dependent on government. Indeed, answering anti-Federalists' fears that the new national government would be too powerful, Federalists detailed exquisitely the Constitution's limits on federal power. Neither camp could have imagined anything like ObamaCare.

Well, all that changed when the social engineers of the Progressive Era, steeped in visions of the "public good," came finally to power under Franklin Roosevelt.

When the "nine old men" on the court balked, saying the Constitution prohibited FDR's schemes, the president threatened to pack the court with six new members. The plan failed, but the court got the message.

It turned the Constitution on its head, and the modern welfare state was born. A watershed moment came in 1942, when the court interpreted the Commerce Clause as giving Congress virtually unlimited authority over economic activity.

The result today is unfunded liabilities no one knows how to meet, debt as far as the eye can

see, and taxes in the offing that will cripple individuals and businesses alike – quite apart from the restraints on liberty that dependency on government entails.

In 1995, the Supreme Court took a tiny step toward braking this juggernaut when it ruled that the Gun-Free Zones Act of 1990 exceeded Congress's power under the Commerce Clause. The power to address that issue belongs to states, the court held, not to Congress. Stevens dissented, calling the decision "radical."

Five years later, facing similar issues, he dissented again. But in 2005, facing a challenge to Congress's prohibition on home-grown medical marijuana administered under state law, Stevens wrote at last for the majority, upholding Congress's ability, under the Commerce Clause, to ban the drug and override state law, and effectively reversing the Rehnquist Court's meager efforts to put a brake on Congress's all but unbounded regulatory power.

That decision sets the stage, unfortunately, for the 19 states challenging ObamaCare today.

But Stevens hasn't always favored federal power over states and individuals.

A year ago, for example, in a case pitting the Food and Drug Administration's power to regulate prescription drug warning labels against state court awards to injured plaintiffs, he ignored the clause of the Constitution that makes federal law supreme and ruled for the plaintiff.

And in 2007 he entertained Al Gore-like claims about rising sea levels over the next century, thus ignoring rules about standing meant to keep mere speculative claims out of court. That enabled Massachusetts to get into court, where Stevens relied on still more dubious claims to rule against the Environmental Protection Agency's earlier finding that it had no authority to regulate greenhouse gases.

Turning from limiting power to protecting rights, Stevens's record is mixed, to be sure, but on several hot-button issues it could cause difficulties for Democrats in the upcoming Senate confirmation hearings.

Take guns and the Second Amendment: In a blockbuster decision two years ago, the court held, for the first time, that individuals had a right to own handguns for self-defense in the home. Stevens wrote the dissent.

Or take property rights: In the infamous Kelo decision of 2005, Stevens wrote for the court's majority, holding that the city of New London, Conn., could transfer the title to Suzette Kelo's home to a private developer who promised upscale building on the land, thereby generating more taxes for the city. Here again Stevens ignored the plain language of the Constitution to reach a result he thought socially desirable. That decision produced such a backlash that over 40 states subsequently tightened their eminent domain laws. In other areas, too – abortion, campaign finance, affirmative action, the death penalty – Stevens has written or joined opinions that are likely, in the current climate, to pose difficulties for congressional Democrats seeking reelection. By and large, they reflect a bias toward government. And that is inconsistent not only with the times but with the Constitution. Yet that's what Democrats may find themselves defending as the confirmation process unfolds. □

Candidato Partido Verde Colombia descarta acuerdo de rehenes con FARC

BOGOTA (Reuters) - El candidato a la presidencia de Colombia por el Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus, descartó el lunes un acuerdo con las FARC para que dejen en libertad a 22 soldados y policías a cambio de la excarcelación de rebeldes y condicionó un diálogo de paz a que suspendan los secuestros. Mockus, un matemático y filósofo de origen lituano que se define como independiente, subió en la última semana al segundo lugar en las encuestas sobre intención de voto, por encima de la candidata del Partido Conservador, Noemí Sanín, y sólo superado por Juan Manuel Santos del Partido de la U.

“Veo muy difícil, improbable el diálogo, la guerrilla tiene que cambiar de lenguaje, ellos vienen hablando, logrando interlocución y visibilidad a través del secuestro; mientras hablen en lenguaje del secuestro y mientras instrumenten a las familias de los secuestrados, no, por ahí no”, afirmó.

El político advirtió que las izquierdistas Fuerzas



El candidato independiente a la presidencia de Colombia por el Partido Verde, Antanas Mockus, habla en la Cumbre de Economía Mundial en Latinoamérica, en Cartagena. Abr 8 2010. REUTERS/Jairo Castilla

Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) buscan sentirse como un Estado y que no está dispuesto a darles esa categoría.

“El intercambio, obviamente las FARC lo quieren, porque quieren sentirse Estado pleno con Ejército propio

y esa papaya (oportunidad) no la vamos a dar”, advirtió Mockus.

“Suena muy duro, pero estoy seguro de que si hiciéramos un acuerdo humanitario seis meses después volvemos a tener 20 ó 40 policías o soldados secuestrados”, anotó el político de 58 años.

El repunte de Mockus en los sondeos se produjo después de que se unió con el ex alcalde de Medellín y también matemático Sergio Fajardo, quien era candidato presidencial del Movimiento Compromiso Ciudadano por Colombia.

Los políticos formalizaron su alianza este lunes con la inscripción del ex alcalde de Medellín como candidato a la vicepresidencia en fórmula con Mockus. □

Gobierno lanza “guerrilla comunicacional” en Venezuela

CARACAS (AP) - El gobierno constituyó el lunes la denominada “guerrilla comunicacional”, integrada por jóvenes, para contrarrestar a través de mensajes de teléfonos móviles, de internet, volantes y murales callejeros lo que las autoridades consideran “ataques” de los medios privados.

La ministra de Comunicación, Tania Díaz, juramentó el lunes en la capital a varias decenas de adolescentes y jóvenes que se integrarán a la campaña comunicacional.

“Estos comandos sientan un gran precedente importantísimo, o un gran cambio, en lo que se refiere la construcción en el país de una democracia profunda... la democracia socialista, la democracia del pueblo que queremos construir en Venezuela, y de eso se trata este tema de la ‘guerrilla comunicacional’”, dijo el ministro de Educación, Héctor Navarro. La acción oficialista, que según las autoridades suma unos 75 estudiantes de educación media de entre 13 y 17 años, tendrá como objetivo el contrarrestar “esta andanada de ataques contra la revolución bolivariana”, y fomentar “una nueva manera de ver el mundo a través del socialismo”. La ministra Díaz fustigó a los medios de comunicación que “son empresas que tienen detrás intereses, que tienen además ideologías ya preestablecidas, que tienen en

este momento intenciones políticas... (y están) acosando a la revolución bolivariana”.

Al activar la denominada operación “trueno comunicacional”, Díaz ordenó, a través de una radio, a un grupo de jóvenes iniciar un “desplazamiento rápido (para) realizar labores de volanteo (repartir volantes)... y empapelado de estaciones del metro”.

La jefa oficialista de gobierno del Distrito Federal, Jacqueline Faría, dijo a la televisora estatal que unos 75 jóvenes de tres liceos capitalinos se integraron a un “plan piloto” de entrenamiento de cuatro horas semanales, que comenzó en febrero pasado y se extenderá hasta julio.

Faría explicó que el entrenamiento se basa en escuchar los espacios de la televisión, y “luego entregan sus conclusiones sobre qué es el mensaje capitalista que ha venido allí en ese programa, lo identifican, y diseñan la propaganda necesaria para rebatir”.

La dirigente oficialista agregó que la idea es que los jóvenes aprendan a utilizar las videograbadoras, los teléfonos celulares, y el internet, y cual otro medio para difundir noticias “que deben llegar a todas partes”. “Por eso es una guerrilla porque es capaz de situarse en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar”, acotó. □

Cuba: Clinton es una “cínica”

LA HABANA (AP) - Una de las más importantes radios cubanas calificó a la secretaria de Estado norteamericana Hillary Clinton de ser “cínica” por afirmar que las autoridades isleñas no desean el fin de las sanciones para tener “excusas” por su inmovilismo político.

“Si el cinismo necesitase una expresión que lo immortalizara, la secretaria norteamericana de Estado acaba de expresarla”, dijo Radio Reloj el lunes.

Clinton expresó recientemente su opinión durante una conferencia en la Universidad de Louisville, estado de Kentucky. Fue difundida por agencias de prensa y portales de Internet.

Según Radio Reloj, la secretaria “mezcló ignorancia y falsedades a granel” en sus comentarios sobre el desinterés de los hermanos Fidel y Raúl Castro en que Estados Unidos cambie su política exterior y levante las medidas contra Cuba.

Las sanciones fueron impuestas a comienzo de la década de los 60 para presionar un cambio en el sistema político comunista de la isla y desde entonces salvo excepciones y por temporadas el embargo no fue desmontado por Washington.

Paralelamente el gobierno cubano suele acusar de algunas de sus falencias más notorias como falta de viviendas o acceso a las redes de internet a las sanciones de Washington.

Otros medios de prensa cubanos publicaron la noticia de las declaraciones de la funcionaria pero sin editorializar y dejaron a los lectores opinar. □

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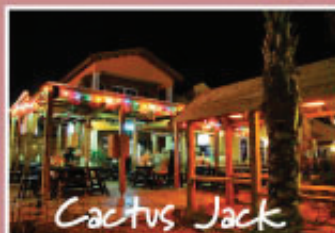


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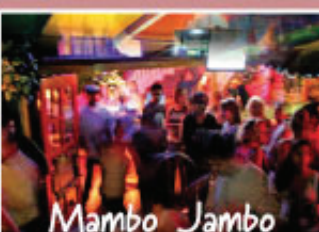
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